

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listings of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An optical disk cartridge comprising a casing having a pair of walls for accommodating an optical disk therein;

wherein said walls of the casing each comprise a clamping window for clamping said disk at the central portion thereof, and a reading and writing window for reading information from said disk and writing information on to said disk, said reading and writing window extending from a perimeter of said clamping window to a side edge of said casing;

wherein a shutter capable of opening and closing each of said clamping windows and each of said reading and writing windows is slidably provided on said casing;

wherein the perimeter of said clamping window comprises a pair of opposing linear portions connected between a pair of opposing arcuate portions, said linear portions each extending orthogonally to a sliding direction of the shutter and intersecting with a line that extends parallel to the sliding direction of said shutter and passes through a rotational axis of the optical disc, said arcuate portions comprising arc segments of a single circle [each] having a radii that intersects the rotational axis of said optical disc; and

wherein a lateral width of each of said clamping windows as measured between the pair of opposing linear portions and along the line intersecting the rotational axis of said optical disk and parallel to the sliding direction of said shutter is formed shorter than a longitudinal length of said clamping windows as measured between the pair of opposing arcuate portions and along the radii intersecting said rotational axis of said optical disk.

2. (Previously Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The [An] optical disk cartridge according to Claim 1, wherein the width between the opposing pair of linear portions of each of said clamping windows, as measured along the line intersecting the rotational axis of said optical disk and parallel to the sliding direction of said shutter, is ± 2 mm of 27.4 mm.

4. (Currently Amended) The [An] optical disk cartridge according to Claim 1, wherein projections for narrowing the width of said reading and writing windows are formed on the border of said clamping windows and said reading and clamping windows.

5. (Currently Amended) The [An] optical disk cartridge according to Claim 1, wherein the longitudinal length between the opposing pair of arcuate portions of each of said clamping windows, as measured along the radii intersecting the rotational axis of said optical disk and orthogonal to the sliding direction of said shutter, is ± 2 mm of 28 mm.